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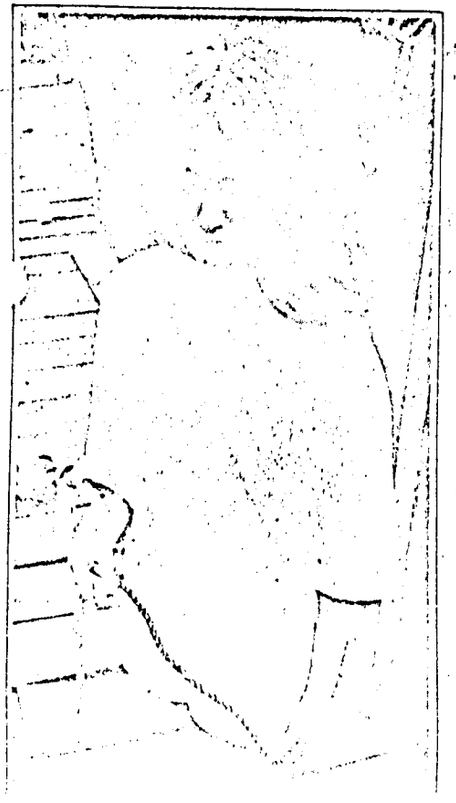

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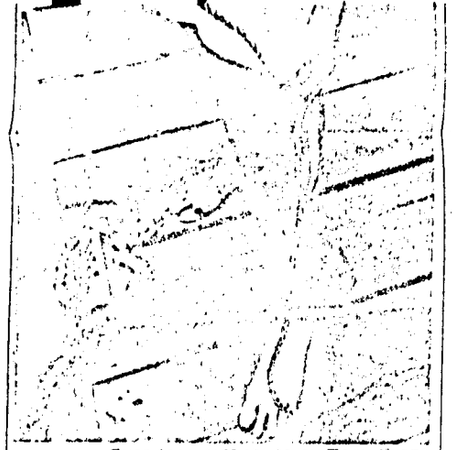

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The FBI is checking out the possibility that Eric Starvo Galt is dead, sources in Birmingham told the Examiner today.

Galt, charged with a conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, may have been killed by those who hired him for the King assassination, the sources said.

The Examiner learned that the FBI in Birmingham was told the assassination conspiracy involved at least four persons from New Orleans and Memphis.

The sources told the FBI that Galt was killed before he was paid the $5,000 promised for the shooting of Dr. King.

FBI officials in Washington refused to comment, other than to say it still has no information as to Galt's whereabouts. The Examiner has learned that more manpower is being turned loose on the Galt manhunt since a national release of photographs has failed to locate him.

The Birmingham sources have named names for the FBI, but the bureau is having a difficult time tying those named directly to the King murder. However, the sources did not tell FBI agents who informed them of Galt's death.

It is expected the FBI will be able to decide by this weekend whether to charge one source with conspiracy in connection with the King crime, or to write him off as a reward-seeker.

In its latest bulletins, the FBI has made no mention of James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from a Missouri prison. The bureau has identified Ray as Galt's real identity, and still maintains it has no doubts that the two persons are the same.

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Fake police radio reports immediately after the King shooting have apparently convinced the FBI that a conspiracy was behind the murder. The radio reported a chase through one portion of Memphis, while the killer was escaping in the other direction.

Other steps pointing to a conspiracy include Galt's total disappearance after the crime, the confusion as to his description, and the fact that the killer knew where King was staying and was able to plot the crime so quickly. King usually stayed at another Memphis motel.

Galt-Ray has also been known to use the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. Persons who he know in Los Angeles this winter say he was a racist, and have connected him with a Wallace campaign headquarters in Hollywood.

The FBI is also still attempting to tie up the loose ends of the Galt-Ray discrepancies. Slight descriptive differences, the classification of Ray as a non-drinker and Galt as fancying beer and vodka, and the statement that Galt was taking dancing lessons while Ray was supposedly in prison have been described as minor differences overlooked in the haste of getting a press release ready on Galt's description.

Ray is 40, stands 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs about 175 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar in the middle of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

An FBI press release says Ray has a nervous habit of pulling at his left ear, which sticks out further from his head than does the right ear.

They warn that he must be considered armed and dangerous, as should any persons connected with the crime.

It was all kissing and laughing at this week's Nation 4-H Conference in Washington. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman welcomed Virginia 4-H'er Peggy Sue Zerkel, while Vice President Hubert Humphrey waits his

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Militants May Fire Capitol

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Congressional authorities are on the alert for a possible attempt to set fire to the nation's Capitol and its surrounding complex of office buildings.

Dozens of militant Negroes and anti-war protesters with known Communist ties have been systematically infiltrating Washington in small groups for several weeks.

U. S. security officials believe they are gathering here for the "second round" of attacks to destroy and disrupt the nation's capital and its key government functions.

Several of these militants, including a 27-year-old light skinned Negro from Detroit, are known to be experts in making fire-bombs or to have served as "paymasters" for fires set during last summer's big city riots.

Their convergence on Washington, along with several persons "dangerous persons," is causing growing concern among those assigned to guard the safety of government officials and members of Congress.

The ominous threat that the Capitol might be fired first came while smoke billowed over Washington during the April 4-8 burning and looting following the assasination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

At one crucial point during this planned violence, the Federal Bureau of Investigation alerted Speaker John McCormack, D Mass., that a group of black militants had loaded a panel truck with gasoline and was headed for the Capitol.

As outlined to federal authorities by an FBI informant, the militants' bold plan called for the driver to run the truck into the underground parking area of one of the congressional office buildings and then ignite it.

This motorized fire-bomb, the informant stated, was to be a diversionary maneuver to draw away police and federal troops guarding the Capitol building. Then other teams of hard-core militants were prepared to rush the Capitol from several directions after arriving on the scene by high-speed automobiles.

However, the blitz attack was never carried out.

At the last minute the militants called it off after learning that the Capitol grounds had been reinforced with extra police and federal troops. For the first time since the Civil War, troops were actually stationed inside the Capitol. This show of force was too much for the militants.

According to congressional sources, Capitol police could make no move to arrest the militants in the gasoline-loaded panel truck since it did not come within the area where they had jurisdiction.

Although the Justice Department has full details of the proposed attack on the Capitol, these lawmakers say they expect no action from Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Past statements by the government's chief prosecutor, they argue, clearly indicate that he has little stomach for prosecuting law violators among the black militants.

Only a rising tide of protest to the White House by the average man on the street, they claim, can force Clark to act.

New warnings that attempts will be made to put the torch to the Capitol are now being carefully studied by Congressional leaders and their security officials. The critical period, they say, will be from late April, through August, when Congress will recess for the national political conventions.

Despite the burning and looting in Washington early this month, when more than 800 fires were set in the city, not a single window was broken or other damage inflicted on the Capitol or its billion dollar complex of buildings.

James M. Powell, chief of the Capitol police, credits this impressive security record to the firmness which Speaker McCormack permitted him and his men to use.

Under plans approved by McCormack, no person was allowed to enter the Capitol grounds without an official pass and all looters traveling on nearby streets were stopped and held for District of Columbia police.

For instance, during a one-hour period on April 4 more than 26 cases of liquor were taken from looters by Capitol police and turned over to city police, who at the time were under instructions not to arrest looters. These orders were changed when people around the country, watching the looting on TV, began to bombard the White House with thousands of telephone calls and wires.

From The Underground — One disturbing information uncovered by the Secret Service last week was a schedule of events published in one of the underground papers now being used to alert revolutionaries in the U. S.

Sandwiched between a report of a nature walk in Rock Creek Park and the notice of a black student rally in the city, the announcement read:

"Tuesday, April 21: Riots break out in 50 major American cities; vice president, entire cabinet, 23 governors assassinated; all students go on strike; anti-war demonstrators take control of Pentagon, President Johnson moves to Hanoi."

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